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THAT UN IMPARTIALITY IN NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT WOULD BE CALLED INTO QUESTION IF SECURITY COUNCIL PREVENTED NAMIBIAN GROUPS OTHER THAN SWAPO FROM PARTICIPATING IN FORMAL SESSION ON SYG'S REPORT. IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WITH FRONT LINE SEPT. 6, WE UNDERSTAND THAT CONTACT GROUP MADE THESE POINTS VERY STRONGLY AND THAT CHONA REPLIED THAT IT MIGHT BE BEST TO HAVE NO ONE SPEAK

AND LIMIT STATEMENTS IN COUNCIL SESSION TO EXPLANATION OF VOTE BY COUNCIL MEMBERS. WHILE WE WOULD PREFER THAT ALL PARTIES HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD, CHONA'S SUGGESTION OFFERS A SOLUTION WHICH COULD PRESERVE BOTH UN REPUTATION AND AFRICAN FACE. USUN SHOULD URGE THAT CONTACT GROUP ENDORSE THIS SUGGESTION. CHRISTOPHER

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